

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the two paragraphs starting at page 13 line 9 with the following amended paragraphs:

With respect to synchronous mode, the execution of a task is suspended upon invoking a custom task, and execution of the suspended task resumes once the execution of the custom task has completed. For example, built-in task 420 is shown reaching an extension point and execution of the corresponding custom task CS task 480 starts. The execution of built-in task 420 is suspended while CS task 480 is executed. The execution of built-in task 420 is resumed after execution of CS task 480 is complete. Thus, the execution of the work-flow continues from the extension point (after completion of the execution of the custom task 480) defined in built-in task 420. Similarly, custom tasks 485 and 490 are also synchronously executed corresponding to the respective extension points in built-in tasks 420 and 450.

With respect to asynchronous mode, the execution of a task continues even if the task invokes a custom task. For example, built-in task 410 is shown reaching an extension point and the corresponding custom task to be executed is shown as CA task 460. Execution of both CA task 460 and built-in task 410 continues in parallel. It may be observed that CA task 465 is invoked by CA task 460 and CA task 470 is invoked by CA task 465. Therefore, custom tasks 460, 465 and 470 are said to be executed asynchronously in relation to built-in task 410 (i.e. in parallel to built-in tasks 410-450). Thus, here also, the execution of the work-flow continues from the extension point defined in built-in task 410. It may be thus be appreciated that extension points imply that the execution of the work flow is to continued from the extension point, while also executing the custom task.